



# Jordan & Niki Shirkman

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**"I hope you'll be back,"** Sandra said as we hugged before I (Niki) hopped on the bus, tears filling both of our eyes after a day of her showing me around the city. Sandra is a college student I met during a summer missions trip to Ljubljana, Slovenia in 2010.

Sandra was sitting in a university cafeteria when a friend and I approached her to share the message of Jesus. She made the decision that day to surrender her life to Christ, giving him control of her life. The next time we met, she told me that she shared the gospel with her boyfriend, friends and family!

As students, Jordan and I both went on the 2010 summer missions trip to Slovenia (a small country in Eastern Europe). Before the trip, neither of us had any intention of pursuing vocational ministry. While overseas, we strongly felt God shifting our desires to not only begin a career in ministry with Cru but to one day return to Slovenia. That day has now arrived! As we wrap up our time at Ohio University, we are preparing to move to Slovenia in mid-September for one year with Cru.

Our team of twelve will embark on the exciting adventure of STINT, which stands for short-term international, as we trust God to build a spiritual movement of Christ followers in Slovenia. While overseas our goal is to continue building a campus ministry at the university of 64,000 students in the capital city of Ljubljana. Our desire is to reach students like Sandra with the rich, saving message of Jesus.

In early June we will head back to Akron, Ohio to continue developing our team of financial supporters for our year of ministry in Slovenia. We will be reconnecting with you to update you further on our plans and what God has called us to.

Sandra and I still keep in touch via Facebook and she is thrilled that we are returning to her country. What a joy it will be to see her again after two years apart and for Jordan and I to spend a year of our lives bringing hope to students like Sandra by introducing them to the ultimate source of satisfaction and significance, Jesus Christ.

Trusting God to reach the nations through your partnership,

*Jordan + Niki*



*We can't wait to reunite with Sandra and other friends we made in Slovenia as we continue helping them grow in their faith in Christ.*

## Prayers

- o For our team of twelve who will be leaving for Slovenia this fall. That God would provide for our team and prepare our hearts and mind for ministry overseas.
- o For the STINT team currently in Slovenia to finish the year well and for a smooth transition with the students they're helping grow in their faith.

## Praise

- o The first two years of ministry in Slovenia have been fruitful and dozens have placed their faith in Christ through summer missions trips and year-long STINT teams.
- o The fruit we've seen this year at Ohio University, Marietta College and in our ministry to the men and women in fraternities and sororities.

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